



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Kenneth MADDEN  
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For : COUPLING APPARATUS  
Group Art Unit : 3679  
Examiner : Aaron M. Dunwoody  
Docket : GEMVAL P18AUS

The Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month Extension of Term attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including **April 2, 2005**.

<b>[XXX] A CHECK FOR THE FEES INDICATED BELOW, BASED UPON THE APPLICANT'S SMALL ENTITY STATUS, ACCOMPANIES THIS RESPONSE.</b>	
PETITION FOR 2-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$225
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$225</b>

In response to the official action mailed November 2, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 12 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.